

Military and Veteran Affairs Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are Committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body, this is the bill that came in and it metes out specific requirements for initiative or referendum measures in cities. There was no opposition to the bill and Secretary of State Allen Beermann was there and offered information and testimony. I would ask for the bill to be advanced as amended. The new bill, the white copy is the bill. I would move for the adoption of the Committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Have you voted? Record. Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MURPHY: I didn't want to impede the bill due to sheer ignorance, but what is a qualified elector if I am a registered voter, how can I be a qualified elector if I'm not registered or vice versa or how does an affidavit of qualification differ from registration?

PRESIDENT: Who are you asking?

SENATOR MURPHY: Anybody who would care to answer, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Does anybody in the balcony have any ideas? It may be a substitute for registration.

SENATOR MURPHY: I'm not aware which section of the law that would be in either. I will continue the question on Select File.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows, perhaps you could enlighten Senator Murphy.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe I could. What the intent of the bill was and I have not studied in detail the Committee amendments, but I'm presuming they are adequate to do what we intended. The problem that we were addressing in the bill, and I'm not sure on his technical question. The problem we were addressing was a problem of different petition rules and different petition laws for a city than for a general election and state wide petition drive and we were merely trying to make a uniform petition drive across the state and I think we have technically done it. This was a problem. They got into a court test on the situation and it left quite a question as to the actual petition route and I think it is only reasonable that all petition routes operate under the same rules in the State of Nebraska and we were merely trying to be what should really be a revision of statutes to make them standard. I couldn't address these technical questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, sometimes people use the term qualified elector and registered voter interchangeably but there have been distinctions made on the basis of a